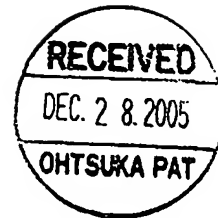


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International application No.

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
  - ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
  - ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
  - ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
  - pages 1-27 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
  - pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
  - pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
  - Nos. 10-15 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
  - Nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
  - Nos.\* 1-9, 16-24 received by this Authority on 2005.03.29
  - Nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
  - sheets/figs Fig 1-12 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
  - sheets/figs\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
  - sheets/figs\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 2 4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 2 4	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 2 4	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations(Rule 70.7)**

<The following document has been considered for the purpose of this report:>

The document D2,D3 was not cited in the international search report.>

D1=JP 2003-187124 A (Fuji Xerox Co,Ltd) 2003.07.04,  
Column [0047] - [0049], [0053] Family: none

D2=JP 2003-196068 A (Canon Kabusikikaisya) 2003.07.11,  
Column [0023] - [0029] Family: none

D3=JP 2003-66787 A (Kabusikikaisya Ricoh) 2003.03.05,  
Column [0012] - [0016] Family: none

The subject matter of claim 1-24 is considered to involve an inventive step over the documents cited D1-D3  
<for the following reasons:>.

Claim1 : None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a step of receiving acces information for accessing to a service providing apparatus, which is designated by the service agent apparatus; a step of receiving page information used to provide a service according to the information associated with the additional items, whereby accessing to the service providing apparatus on the basis of the access information; and a step of requesting the service providing apparatus to provide a service on the basis of the page information. ], and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.

Claim5:None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a step of generating page information used to present a service providing page according to the information associated with the additional items of the devices the client terminal; and a step of transmitting the page information generated in the step of generating to the client terminal via the network wherein the service providing apparatus is designated on a basis of information of the device from the client terminal.], and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.

**Supplemental Box**

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: **Box No. V**

Claim8: None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a step of generating access information required to access the service providing apparatus, which provides a service on the basis of the acquired information associated with the additional items; and a step of transmitting the generated access information to the service request apparatus.] , and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.

Claim21 : None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a first reception unit adapted to receive access information for accessing a service providing apparatus, which is designated by the service agent apparatus; a second reception unit adapted to receive page information used to provide a service according to the information associated with the additional items, whereby accessing to the service providing apparatus on the basis of the access information ; and a request unit adapted to request the service providing apparatus to provide a service on the basis of the page information that provides the service.] , and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.

Claim22 : None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a generation unit adapted to generate page information used to present a service providing page according to the information associated with the additional items of the device to the client terminal; and a transmission unit adapted to transmit the page information generated in the step of generating to the client terminal via the network, wherein the service providing apparatus is designated on a basis of information of the device from the client terminal.] , and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.

Claim23 : None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a generation unit adapted to generate access information required to access the service providing apparatus, which provides a service on the basis of the acquired information associated with the additional items; and a transmission unit adapted to transmit the generated access information to the service request apparatus.] , and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.

Claim24 : None of the prior art documents cited in the international search report describes [a generation unit adapted to generate page information used to present a service providing page according to the information associated with the additional items of the device a reception unit adapted to receive page information used to provide a service according to the information associated with the additional items, whereby accessing to the service providing apparatus on the basis of the access information; and a request unit adapted to request the service providing apparatus to provide a service on the basis of the page information that provides the service..] , and it was not obvious for the person skilled in the art to employ that the technical feature.